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[REDACTED] the Czech Army was definitely along Soviet Army lines. /

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- (a) In May 1951 Czech troops on parade in Praha carried their rifles "at the ready" in the Soviet manner, whereas up to 1951 Czech troops carried their weapons on their shoulders during parades.
- (b) Commands were similar to those used by the Soviets.
- (c) A new manual of arms was introduced into the Czech Army.

25X1 (d) [REDACTED] new Czech manuals [REDACTED] were translations of Soviet [REDACTED] manuals. 25X1

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[REDACTED] the PS had no Soviet weapons [REDACTED]

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3. Many Czech Army officers believed that in case of war the Czech Army would be commanded by Soviet officers at division, corps and army levels. During political lectures the political officer stressed the solidarity of relations between Czechoslovakia and the USSR, stating that the USSR would help Czechoslovakia to defend her borders against aggression.

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- 25X1 4. As far as Soviet military personnel in Czechoslovakia is concerned, [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] a Soviet colonel [redacted] accompanied Czech General (fmu) Pavel, and  
25X1 assisted in selecting border guard sites for the PS. [redacted] 25X1  
25X1 Soviet colonel in the Hq. of an unidentified unit, [redacted] in  
25X1 Susice [redacted] was an advisor to the  
CG [redacted] there were several Soviet colonels  
25X1 acting as advisers with the Czech General Staff in Prague.

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